

About Us

BANANAS has been supporting families in their parenting journey since 1973 working in partnership with early education providers.

Our programs and services include assisting families to find and pay for quality child care, parenting workshops, playgroups, and professional development for all types of early care and education providers. Our support allows working families to thrive and be confident their children are in quality and nurturing learning environments.



Attending BANANAS workshops helped me become a more knowledgeable caregiver to my two year old grandson.

-Mary Garcia

Our vision is that all children grow up to succeed in life and that they have all the support and tools they need to be eager, joyful and curious learners

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Partnering with families and childcare providers to raise happy, confident children since 1973

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PARENT & FAMILY SERVICES



Child Care

Our counselors will help you find a caregiver that meets the needs of your family. We can also pay for your child care if you are eligible.

Workshops & Parent Groups

Go to our website to see our robust offering of parenting workshops, classes, and support groups.

Playgroups

Caregivers and children under 5 enjoy a fun-filled time of play and learning that provide enriching experiences and activities.

CARE

Thriving in the East Bay can be challenging for families, especially when experiencing housing insecurity. Our Family Resource Navigators help unhoused families get the resources they need.

Foster Bridge

Our navigators help foster parents and parenting foster young adults find and pay for child care and support trauma-informed training to early educators

EARLY EDUCATORS



Professional Development

Our coaches provide support, workshops, and technical assistance to early educators so they can provide the best learning experiences for the children in their care.

BANANAS Launchpad

Are you an aspiring early educator? Do you want to take your child care business to the next level? Our incubator program will provide you the support and technical assistance to reach your goals.

Family-Friend-Neighbor Caregivers

Are you the caregiver of a family member's, friend's, or neighbor's child? We can provide you with resources to support you, and pay you for the care you are providing if the family is eligible.



BANANAS Havenscourt Cub House

Located in the Havenscourt neighborhood in East Oakland, the Cub House is a hub for many services for families with children birth to five.

Tiny Steps

Tiny Steps is our Head Start program in family child care homes supporting children birth to 5 years old. These providers utilize the Head Start curriculum and provide the same support services as a Head Start center. Go to our website to learn more and find a Tiny Steps provider near you.

PLACE-BASED PROGRAMS

